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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Pai,

Bill Esbeck is a highly qualified telecommunications professional who will bring a valuable perspective to the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. We are pleased to support his nomination to your new committee.

Bill's relevant career experience spans more than two decades. In the 1990s, Governor Tommy Thompson chose him to serve as Policy Advisor for Utilities, Infrastructure, and Economic Development. After six years in the Governor's office, Bill accepted an appointed position at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Bill has served as the executive director of the Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association since 2002. WSTA's 70 member companies offer high-speed internet, voice, video and wireless products and services in rural communities throughout Wisconsin. At WSTA, Bill's advocacy focuses on policies and opportunities to promote broadband deployment, adoption and utilization, which benefits both member companies and the communities they serve.

On the federal level, Bill's efforts have helped create bipartisan support from Wisconsin's congressional delegation on issues before the Federal Communications Commission. His work has not gone unnoticed. Bill was recognized as the grassroots advocate of the year by NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association. He also served on the board of directors of the United States Internet Industry Association, and he led his colleagues as chair of the National Council of State Telecommunications Association Executives.

A frequently requested speaker, Bill has presented at events hosted by the U.S. House of Representatives Rural Broadband Caucus, Federal Reserve Bank, National Exchange Carrier Association, NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, and WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband.

Bill is a respected leader in the broadband industry. His expertise and experience will greatly benefit the new Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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February 27, 2017

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2330 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Duffy:

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1502 Longworth House Office Building  
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P.S. Congressman, I also wanted to express my gratitude to you for your support of my efforts to revitalize AM radio. We've made great progress thus far, and have more to do. Look forward to working with you!